

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

Charles Russell,

Plaintiff,

Civil File No. 03-4889 PAM/SRN

vs.

Hennepin County; and Sheriff Patrick D.
McGowan, Chief Deputy Michele Smolley,
Inspector Thomas Merkel, and Former
Inspector Richard Estensen, officially and
individually,

**AFFIDAVIT OF
INSPECTOR THOMAS MERKEL**

Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Thomas Merkel, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am presently employed by Hennepin County as an Inspector in the Hennepin
County Sheriff's Office.

2. My first day of employment with Hennepin County was July 9, 2001.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

s/Thomas Merkel
THOMAS MERKEL

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11th day of August, 2004.

s/Jacqueline L. Schultz
Notary Public